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1. IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL
SALIMUZ ZAMAN ON KOREAN ISSUE, YOU MAY CONFIRM THAT OTHER
SIDE HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO OUR INITIATIVE TO TERMINATE
THE UNC SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT TO PRESERVE THE 1953 ARMISTICE
AGREEMENT. DRAFT HOSTILE RESOLUTION TABLED AUGUST 8 WILL
BE REPORTED SEPT. BOTH FRIENDLY AND HOSTILE RESOLUTIONS
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WILL BE CONSIDERED BY FIRST COMMITTEE. SINCE OUR RESO-

LUTION HAS PRIORITY IT WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE CONSIDERED FIRST. IF IT PASSES OTHER SIDE WILL HAVE OPTION OF SUBMITTING ITS RESOLUTION TO COMMITTEE VOTE. IT IS POSSIBLE FOR BOTH RESOLUTIONS TO PASS ALTHOUGH THIS HAS NOT HAPPENED ON KOREAN ITEM IN THE PAST. COMMITTEE WOULD THEN DECIDE WHETHER TO SEND BOTH RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY UNGA PLENARY OR TO SEEK SOME COMPROMISE. HOWEVER, THE U.S. INITIATIVE FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE 30TH UNGA PROPOSES APPROPRIATE APPROACH TO ENDING UN COMMAND WHILE PRESERVING THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, WHICH WE CONSIDER ESSENTIAL IN THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. WE STRONGLY URGE PAKISTAN'S SUPPORT FOR THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, AND OPPOSITION TO THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

2. IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION OF ROK MILITARY PRESENCE AT PANMUNJOM, EMBASSY MAY INFORM MFA THAT MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION (MAC) CONSISTS OF FIVE OFFICERS APPOINTED JOINTLY BY THE SUPREME COMMANDER OF KOREAN PROPLES ARMY AND THE COMMANDER OF CHINESE PEOPLES VOLUNTEERS AND FIVE APPOINTED BY UNITED NATIONS COMMANDER. TWO ROK OFFICERS SIT ON UN COMMAND SIDE OF COMMISSION. IN ADDITION, ROK SOLDIERS ASSIGNED TO UN COMMAND ARE PRESENT. SOUTH KOREAN PRESS AND VISITORS OBVIOUSLY ARE IN PANMUNJOM AREA. AS PAKISTANIANS AWARE, ROK MILITARY UNITS ARE UNDER UN COMMAND OPERATIONAL CONTROL AND THUS ARE PART OF THE ARMISTICE REGIME. FURTHER, NORTH KOREAN OBJECTION TO ASSOCIATION OF THE ROK WITH THE ARMISTICE REGIME IS ANOTHER INSTANCE OF ITS HOSTILITY TO ROK DESPITE ITS PROTESTATIONS REGARDING UNIFICATION. IN THAT REGARD WE WOULD NOTE THAT THE NORTH KOREANS HAVE CONSISTENTLY REFUSED THE ROK'S APPROACHES REGARDING RESUMPTION OF FULL SCALE SOUTH-NORTH TALKS. KISSINGER

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